



HARRY LITOWICH
Ex-state senator dies at 74

Crash Injuries Claim Ex-Senator Litowich Funeral Wednesday

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Funeral services will be held on the Fourth of July for Harry Litowich, former state legislator, horse dealer, civic leader, and inveterate worker on behalf of worthy causes.

Former State Senator Litowich, 74, died at 11:20 a.m. Monday at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital, where he had been a patient since an automobile accident on June 10 in Covert township, Van Buren county. Death was attributed to

His death brought a series of tributes, ranging from Governor William Milliken and State Senator Charles Zollar to the heads of the many organizations and causes he had assisted over the years.

"There never was a man whose community trusted and loved him more," said Senator Zollar of his personal benefactor and his predecessor in the Senate. "His main ambition in life was to serve his neighbors, collectively and individually. He took me in and acted as father to me when, as an orphaned youth, I had no place else to go. He was a lifelong friend and counselor. I feel his loss more than I can say."

Said Governor Milliken of the man with whom he had spent four years in the Senate: "Harry Litowich was a rare man who blended a deep conviction of service to others with an awareness of broad fundamental issues and an openness of spirit which made him especially effective in all he did. Michigan has lost a fine public servant. I have lost a long-time close friend whom I came to know extremely well during our years together in the Michigan Senate."

After an active life in business that left him well to do, Mr. Litowich began a 12-year second career in the state legislature in 1953. He was elected to three two-year terms in the House of Representatives; then advanced

to the Senate for another six years, 1959-65. He was chairman of the agriculture committee during his entire six years in the Senate.

In his home community, the Twin Cities, he was active

variously in the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest, Salvation Army board, Red Cross, B'Nai Brith, Berrien County Humane society, Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA.

Last November he was

honored at a banquet for his service and leadership in 23 Israeli Bond drives. Also last year, he served as a fund raiser for the Twin Cities Catholic

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injuries he sustained in the two-car accident.

His death was the ninth this year as result of accidents on ly.

The funeral rites are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Kerley & Starks funeral home in St. Joseph. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple B'Nai Shalom will officiate. Burial will be in Temple Beth El cemetery.



PACKING SHED BLOWN DOWN: Storm that hit Spinks Corners area smashed packing shed on farm of Harold Benedix. High velocity wind storm also destroyed some 8 to 10 acres of cherry trees in Benedix farm Monday afternoon. Falling tree

damaged nearby home of Howard C. Smith, a bait shop operator. Numerous shade and fruit trees were bowled over in Spinks Corners community. (Photo by Charles Mitchell).

Queen Of Pin-Ups Betty Grable Dies Of Lung Cancer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Lung cancer has taken the life of actress Betty Grable, the World War II pin-up girl with the beautiful legs.

Miss Grable died here Monday night at St. John's Hospital. She was 56.

She was treated at the hospital last May and was readmitted last Friday. She also had been hospitalized in May 1972, forcing cancellation of her appearance in "No, No, Nanette" in Melbourne, Australia.

Miss Grable had posed in a white bathing suit, glancing over her shoulder with a coy smile, early in World War II. Almost three million copies of the pin-up picture which showed her shapely legs to their best advantage were distributed, mostly to GIs who displayed them in their barracks or carried them in sea bags or footlockers with their personal belongings.

The photograph was made by 20th Century-Fox studio while she was under contract there. Through the years, the blonde

singing and dancing star maintained her trim measurements: 37-24-35.

Her 42 movies during the 1930s and 1940s grossed more than \$100 million. She set a record of 12 consecutive years in the top 10 of boxoffice stars.

The Treasury Department in 1946-47 listed her as the highest-salaried American woman. She earned more than \$3 million during her career.

Her movies included "Million Dollar Legs," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "Follow the Fleet," "In 1956, she made her last film, "How to be Very, Very Popular." Later, she toured with different acts and starred in a Las Vegas nightclub production.

A self-effacing person, Miss Grable once said: "My voice is just a voice—I don't breathe with my diaphragm as singers are supposed to do."

"When it comes to dancing, I'm just average—maybe a little below.... I'm anything but a great actress."

When she received the Harvard Lampoon's "Worst Actress

of the Year" award, she wired back:

"You are so right!"

She once said in an interview, "You know, I used to wake up in the middle of the night wondering how long before they'd find me out and chase me off the lot."

On another occasion, when asked the secret of her trim contour, Miss Grable replied:

"I've never had to go on any of those special diets or anything. I've got a God-given figure."

She was equally modest when asked if her placidity resulted from her ability to adjust to circumstances.

"What have I ever had to adjust to?" (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

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Notice

This newspaper will not publish Wednesday, the Fourth of July.

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 74 degrees.

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

Red Hawaiian Punch, 46 oz. cans, 3 for \$1. Grau's Supermarket, Stevensville. Adv.

Edison's closed 'til 5th. Adv.

City of St. Joseph Rubbish Collection scheduled for Wednesday, July 4th, will be picked up Thursday, July 5th. Adv.

Round Steak Lb. \$1.38, KROGER'S, Fairplain Plaza. Adv.

Troost Brothers Furniture will be closed from 1:30-3:30 PM for the funeral of Robert Brado. Adv.

'Young Twister' Cuts Path Of Destruction

Rain-laden winds variously described as "straight velocity" and a "young twister" cut a narrow strip of damage across southwestern Michigan shortly after 2 p.m. Monday, felling trees and buildings and knocking out telephone and electric service.

In Berrien county, the storm's power centered in a swath from the Stump school vicinity in Sodus township northeasterly through Spinks Corners and Bainbridge Center. Trees also were felled in Decatur, a Van Buren county community roughly in line with the damaged Berrien county communities.

First reports indicated thousands of cherry and peach trees were flattened or damaged in Bainbridge township, a prime fruit production area in northeastern Berrien county.

No injuries were reported from wind but the Decatur village council conducted the first half of its meeting in the dark when

electricity went off about 3:10 p.m. and stayed off about five hours.

BM1 Jim Johnson of the U.S. Coast Guard station at St. Joseph said the wind peaked with gusts of 35-40 knots — up to 45 miles per hour — early Monday afternoon, while a Spinks Corners semi-retired farmer who waited the storm out in his car estimated it up to 90 and 100 miles an hour in the path of the narrow storm.

More than an inch of rain fell in a few minutes and the temperature in the twin cities fell 20 degrees from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Two Pullman residents with rain gauges measured rainfall at 1.2 inches in a half-hour, and a Spinks Corners resident reported

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BAINBRIDGE HALL DAMAGED: Huge maple tree toppled by winds estimated up to 90-100 miles an hour smashed roof joists of Bainbridge township hall at Bainbridge Center. Storm also blew roof off

warehouse of Radom & Son farm supply store across the road. Growers estimated cherry and peach trees damaged in surrounding area numbered in thousands. (Staff photo)

Manslaughter Charge For Niles Officer

NILES — A suspended Niles police officer was charged today with manslaughter and assault to do great bodily harm less than murder in connection with the death of a Niles man in May.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor said in announcing the action that the charges against Officer William Raabe were contained in separate warrants and resulted from an extensive probe.

Raabe was suspended from duty as a Niles officer without pay

June 12 pending the investigation into the death of Donald Eugene Jann, 49, who had lived at 41 South Third street, Niles. Jann died about one month after he had been arrested in Niles on a charge of public intoxication. Raabe, a 10-year police veteran, was one of the arresting officers.

The investigation was triggered by Niles Board of Public Safety after the family of the dead man claimed he died as result of injuries he received during the arrest.

The investigation was conducted by Berrien sheriff's department, in cooperation with Dr. Stanley Koscielski, St. Joseph county (Ind.) coroner.

Taylor said the warrants probably would be served on Raabe today.

He said warrants were authorized on two charges because of the extended delay between alleged injuries and death, and the

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GRABLE AND JAMES: Actress Betty Grable and her second husband, bandleader Harry James, are shown in 1957 at Santa Anita Park, in Acacia, California. Miss Grable died Monday of lung cancer in California. She was 56. Her first husband was Jackie Coogan. (AP Wirephoto)

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

initial leak from the Erwin committee "source" was totally irresponsible, and probably malicious. The headline was misleading, the umpteenth endured by Clinton.

\$1 Million Involved In SJ Township Suit

Water System Partners In Court

St. Joseph township board Monday night authorized a circuit court suit that seeks to upset the split of water system costs with neighboring Lincoln township.

Target of the suit to upset the share of costs in building the suburban water system is Lincoln township, Berrien county and the engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May of Ann Arbor.

St. Joseph township claims it's getting a bad deal under a contract of 1970 between the townships and Berrien county as backer of water construction bonds. St. Joseph township wants the court to amend the contract for a more equitable division of costs.

Supervisor Orval Benson said that over \$1 million is involved. Speaking to an audience of nearly 50 persons, on hand for a bicycle path paving proposal, Benson said the money involved represents \$250 for every piece of property in the township.

Actual construction costs were below the amount budgeted, the resolution said, and the interest earned is in excess of \$1 million being held by the county. The townships are unable to agree on an equitable division of these monies.

The seven-page resolution, read by Trustee Robert DeVries (who is also chairman of the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment Authority) asks the court to "reform the contract in such fashion that the initial costs of the water system will be equally apportioned between the townships of Lincoln and St. Joseph; that the action further include a request to the court to resolve the dispute currently existing between Lincoln and St. Joseph townships as to the equitable division of the monies held by the county and the monies generated from revenues."

The resolution traced the long fight St. Joseph township has waged to upset the division of costs. The statement charged that St. Joseph township was not receiving any revenues from Lincoln township despite the fact that St. Joseph township had paid for half the facilities in Lincoln township.

St. Joseph township, the resolution continued, gave all the documents to a "qualified independent consulting engineer" who reported St. Joseph township "was bearing in excess of half million dollars over its equitable share of the cost of the system."

The Ann Arbor engineering firm is party in the issue because it advised the cost

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OFF TO WASHINGTON: Forty-six members of youth and senior citizens councils of Model Cities

program pose before departure on free educational trip to Washington D.C. A few well wishers

also are in picture. HUD approved use of Model Cities funds for five-day trip. (Staff photo).

46 In Washington For 'Educational' Visit

Model Cities Grant Paying For Trip

Forty-six youngsters and oldsters from the Model Cities area of Benton Harbor-Benton township left Monday for a five-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The Citizens Steering council of the Model Cities program is sponsoring the trip with federal government Model Cities grant money.

Silas Legg, Jr., director of the steering council, said he did not know the cost of the trip, but that it had been approved in

advance by the Detroit office of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "an educational trip."

Legg said the bus, lodging and meals will all be paid with Model Cities money.

Persons chosen for the trip all are members of the senior citizens council and the youth council of the Model Cities program.

Accompanying the group were Mrs. Louella Lange, chair man for the youth council; Carroll Johnson, chairman of

senior citizens council; Johnnie Hudson, vice chairman of senior citizens council; and Mrs. Cecilia Burke, consultant to the Citizens Steering council.

The group left Benton Harbor Monday afternoon and is scheduled to return Friday night. Places they will visit in the nation's capital include Arlington cemetery, Kennedy Memorial, Grave of Unknown Soldier, Congress, Howard university, Washington Monument, White House, Carter G. Woodson Building, and Home of Frederick Douglas.

New Local Group Seeks To Advance Black Capitalism

Operation STICK (Striving Together In Community Kinship), a new organization dedicated to black capitalism has called a press conference Wednesday, July 4, to explain its purposes.

Announcement was made by Michael Shane, executive director of STICK, who said various community leaders have received personal invitations and the public also is welcome to attend the session at 11 a.m. at 144 Pipestone street, corner of Wall.

Shane said STICK is proposing to build a meat processing plant in the Benton Harbor area to provide meat for at least two retail outlets. Preliminary estimate of the costs of building and equipping the plant are about \$131,000, according to Shane. Estimated work force would be about 118.

Shane explained STICK intends to raise capital through

sale of stock, government grants and/or loans, and fund-raising events.

He said July 4 was picked for the kickoff conference because STICK intends to strive for financial independence for blacks.

Shane also said STICK will be active in voter registration on a nonpartisan basis.

Shane was director of the Blacks for Nixon campaign in the Benton Harbor area last year. Since the election, he said he has been working on development of STICK.

He identified members of the STICK executive committee as Rev. Ellis Hull, Rev. Nate Wells Jr., Rev. Milton McAfee, Rev. T. N. Wilkins, Rev. W. T. Burton, Charles Shepherd, Mrs. Geneva Shepherd, Mrs. Ruby Eddie, Mrs. Nancy Hollis, Warren Mitchell and Rev. John Watson.



WATERVLIT BLOB: Mrs. Alfred Komoll, 709 Richard street, Watervliet, sits on front step of home, beside blob which has been growing at corner of step and rock. Blob is dark object between corner of step and rock. Blob is tobacco brown in color, with beige and purple areas. Similar growths around country this summer have been identified by experts as fungus. One blob, in Texas, enjoyed brief fame for supposedly being from outer space. (Staff photos)

Bendix manufacturing system. Hermann joined Bendix automotive of Canada in 1963, was named general manager of the firm in 1969, and president in 1972. He was appointed Hydraulics division manager in the fall of 1972.

Badders has served as administrative assistant in the Hydraulics division, and was closely associated with expansion of the Hydraulics division. He joined the Brake and Steering division in South Bend in 1961, and the Hydraulics division in 1966.

Nixon, Chinese Envoy To Huddle

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon is expected to discuss his goal of a negotiated settlement for Cambodia in talks here Friday with Chinese envoy Huang Chen.

Huang, head of China's new liaison office in Washington, will be flown here aboard a jet aircraft from the presidential fleet.

FBI Charges Man Arrested Here In Cigarette Theft

DETROIT — A Milwaukee, Wis., man, who was arrested in Berrien county on I-94 near St. Joseph, has been charged with interstate transportation of stolen property.

The FBI said Delano Young, 40, was arrested Friday with a rental trailer containing 75 cases of cigarettes. The cigarettes allegedly were part of a shipment of cigarettes valued at about \$150,000 that was stolen June 26 in Milwaukee.

Also arrested last night in connection with the case was LeLano Brooks, 26, of Fraser, Mich. Brooks was named in an indictment charging him with conspiracy to transport, sell, and dispose of motor vehicles, as well as the cigarette-theft case.

The stolen cigarettes were reportedly being hauled from Milwaukee to Detroit. FBI agents said the car being used to haul the trailer full of cigarettes was also stolen.

Young was released on a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond when arraigned before a U.S. Magistrate in Detroit. No date has been set for a hearing. FBI spokesmen said a woman

in the car when Young was arrested was not charged. The load of cigarettes stolen in Milwaukee consisted of 724 cases with 60 cartons in a case. The cigarettes were aboard a trailer at a truck dock. The trailer and semi-tractor also were stolen.

The FBI said that further investigation led to recovery of more than 600 cases in Wisconsin.

Some 15 FBI agents, assisted by Berrien sheriff's officers, participated in the surveillance in the Berrien county phase of the case.

Milliken Asks Land Use Law

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken has called for new methods to regulate the use of land in Michigan.

"Our land is a vital natural resource which use can deeply affect, for good or for bad, the quality of life for all of our citizens," Milliken said in remarks prepared for the Michigan Real Estate Association convention here.

Penetrator Fight Will Be Continued

St. Joseph township board unanimously voted Monday to authorize Attorney John Crow to carry the penetrator park fight to the State Supreme court.

St. Joseph township has refused to give the state highway department right of way through a neighborhood subdivision "park" for the path of the penetrator from I-94 through the township to the St. Joseph City limits.

The highway department has argued the park in question was never developed and the court of appeals upheld a lower court ruling that the highway department can condemn the land dedicated as a park for part of the penetrator.

The decision to take the case of the subdivision park to the supreme court was unanimous although early in the debate Trustee Carroll Gerbel said he wasn't ready to vote because he said he felt he didn't have all the facts in the case.

Gerbel was the engineer of a tentative compromise between the highway department and the township for reviving the penetrator. The township is seeking access to the new freeway and hoped for an interchange at a point where Ansley drive and Nelson road would bisect the freeway.

Although all the details have not been worked out another point was that the highway department would agree to a signal light at the controversial Hilltop-Niles-Washington intersection.

The action to take the park case to the state supreme court came when Attorney Crow recommended the appeal be based on three points: "It is contrary to law (which says the highway department cannot condemn public land); it is contrary to fact (in that the opinion says the township never tried to develop the park); and more importantly, any park, unless it is developed with playground equipment would invite condemnation."

"This is something that should alarm every conservationist in the state of Michigan," Crow said.

The land dedicated as a park is a triangular parcel off Lincoln avenue near Niles avenue.

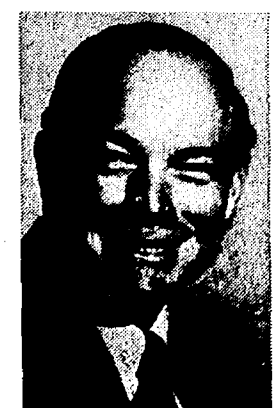
It has all the criteria, the township attorney said, for presentation to the supreme court. The case, he said, "involves interpretation of the law; the case is of significant importance to the jurisprudence of the state and the decision of the court of appeals is inconsistent with other decisions of the supreme court."

Crow has until July 17 to file the appeal. While there will be a township board meeting July 16 trustees felt this was cutting the deadline too close.

The township's official action will take the form of filing leave to appeal. The State Supreme court can accept the case for a hearing or decline to hear it.



BLOB CLOSE-UP: Close-up of blob growing by front step of Watervliet family shows texture of growth, which was described as brown in color. According to family member, blob is latest of blobs which have appeared in front lawn area for past two months.



WILLIAM J. HERMANN
German Technical Director



ROBERT A. BADDERS
Bendix Hydraulics Manager

Germany and St. Joseph. Appointed technical director of Bendix German subsidiary is

William J. Hermann, former general manager of the Hydraulics division in St. Joseph.

Succeeding Hermann as general manager of the Hydraulic division is Robert A. Badders, currently group manager of manufacturing costs for the Automotive Control systems group.

Hermann will assume his new position with Deutsche Bendix Ausrüstungs in Saarbrücken, Germany. It is also a subsidiary of a French firm. The facility manufactures disc brakes, master cylinders and other automotive components.

James B. Treacy, vice president and group executive, said Hermann's tenure in Germany would be less than two years to completely integrate the German affiliate into the

\$5.46 Million Vote In August

Buchanan Trying Again On New High School

BUCHANAN — Plans for a vote in August on a new \$5.46 million high school were announced by Buchanan board of education at a special meeting last night.

The board voted to seek preliminary qualification of bonds of \$5,460,000 from the Michigan department of education. The move is the first step in getting the issue before district voters. No specific date was set.

Supt. Richard Dougherty said the proposed high school would be located on Fourth street, west of Chippewa street, on the 101

acre farm purchased from the Richard Lytle estate.

The proposed building, of conventional design, would have a capacity for 900 students in grades 9 through 12. Present enrollment in these grades is about 725 students, he said.

It would house an auditorium with seating capacity of 580 and gymnasium seating about 2,000, with three teaching stations.

Additional details on the structure will be available when the architects, Davenport and Associates, Grand Rapids, complete work on changes made by the board, said Dougherty.

Four previous proposals for a new high school and remodeling of the present high school into a middle school were defeated by district voters. Earlier this year the board adopted a \$750,000 bonding program for remodeling of the part of the present high school.

Grades six through 12 attended classes on a split session shortage of classrooms and the need to offer more courses.

In announcing the proposed bonding proposal, David Hanson,

board president, noted that split sessions was not a long range solution.

He said the board had studied and re-examined the future needs of Buchanan schools and agreed that the only permanent solution was additional building.

The board considered several alternatives, said Hanson, but re-affirmed its position that a new high school building is the best solution. Alternates considered included adding onto the present high school and building a new middle school, he said.



ROBERT C. TILMANN
Galien superintendent

New Schools Superintendent Named At Galien

GALIEN — Robert C. Tilmann, 33, Farmington, has been named superintendent of Galien schools, according to Duane Smith, board president.

Smith said Tilmann, who holds a master's degree in administration, was signed to a

three-year contract with starting salary of \$20,000. He began his new duties yesterday.

The new superintendent has 12 years educational experience, the last seven in administration. Previously he taught English and Latin.

Tilmann spent the past year in educational research with Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School studies, organized under the University of Michigan, Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities.

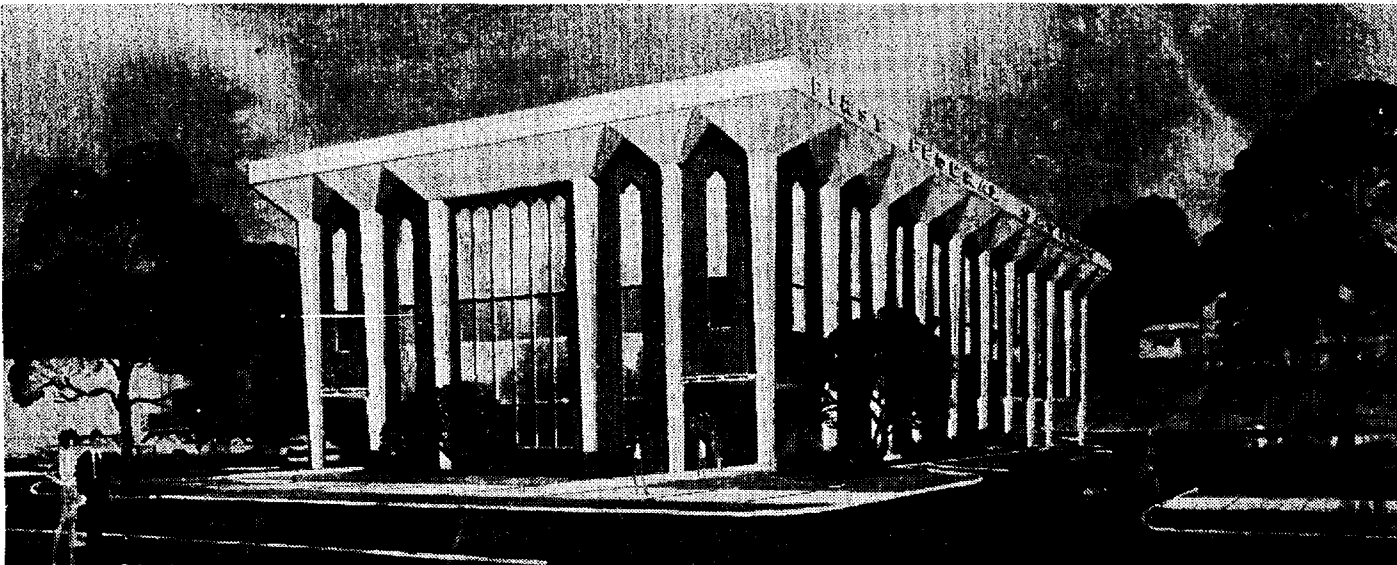
Prior to that, he was high school principal at Reed City one year and served five years at a private school in Detroit, three years as principal and executive of board of education and two years as assistant principal.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education at St. Mary's university, Baltimore, Md., in 1960, and his master's degree in educational administration in 1964 at the University of Detroit.

He has completed his doctoral studies in curriculum development at Wayne State, except for a thesis.

Tilmann and his wife, Marilyn, are parents of five children, ages two months through eight years. She holds a master's degree in education from the University of Detroit.

The Tilmanns plan to move to Galien school district as soon as housing is available.



NEW NILES OFFICES: This artist's sketch shows new First Federal Savings and Loan association offices for downtown Niles, featuring heated walkways on each side of building. Holland Construction company, St. Joseph, is general contractor.

Police Guarding Suspect In Niles Shooting Death

BY LYLE SUMERIN
South Berrien Bureau

NILES — A Niles man, John Echoles, 43, of 622 South Fifth street, was arrested yesterday by city police on a warrant charging first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of a Benton Harbor man in a Niles bar Sunday night.

Det. Capt. Paul Winquist and



JOHN ECHOLES
Suspect shows
Signs of battle

Det. Frank Bickel made the arrest at Pawating hospital, Niles, where Echoles turned himself in shortly after 12:30 p.m. He was accompanied by his attorney, Jerry O'Connor of Cassopolis.

Police said Echoles was admitted to the hospital for treatment of injuries he allegedly suffered when attacked by bar patrons following the shooting.

Killed in the shooting was Hector Gonzalez Vazquez, 25, of 473 South Seely street. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Kerly and Starks funeral home, St. Joseph.

Listed in fair condition at Pawating hospital is a man wounded in the shooting, Santiago Cresto, 26, of 916 Cherry street, Niles. He was wounded in the abdomen as the gunman fled from the bar.

Police said a detail has been assigned to guard Echoles while at the hospital.

The shooting occurred after an argument broke out between a man and a man reported to be a cripple. Police said Vazquez was shot twice after he had gone to the aid of the cripple. Cresto, according to police, was a bystander wounded in the melee.

Woman, 63, Foils Purse Snatcher

A teenage boy, who snatched a purse from a Benton Harbor woman Monday at 6:30 p.m., was so surprised when she chased him that he threw the stolen purse in a hedge and ran away.

Mrs. Opal Padgett, 63, of 738 Territorial road, told city police she was walking near her residence when a boy grabbed her purse, which contained about \$160 cash. She chased the boy, then saw him throw the purse away. After searching the area for almost one-half an hour, Mrs. Padgett found the purse with nothing missing, police said.

A Benton Harbor man turned himself in at the Probation department, in the Berrien

county courthouse in connection with an incident last Thursday when Berrien sheriff's deputies chased a man on foot for almost a mile in Benton Harbor.

Booked and lodged in the county jail was John Moore Nelson, 31, of 442 Vineyard street, Benton Harbor. He was arrested on Berrien county warrants charging escape from lawful custody and driving without an operator's license; a Muskegon police warrant charging probation violation and North Muskegon police warrant charging traffic violation, deputies said.

State police of the South Haven post recovered a 1972 Volkswagen, reported stolen during the day Sunday to St. Joseph township police. The car was found Monday at 6 a.m.

The auto, belonging to Joan E. Dev, of 2892 Niles avenue, St. Joseph township, was found on I-196, near State road 43, just outside South Haven, township police said. The keys were in the abandoned vehicle.

Two Benton township residents told township police Monday that lawn furniture was stolen from their yards over the weekend.

Susan Cartwright, 555 North Crystal avenue, reported a lounge chair, valued at \$31, stolen.

Albert Skibbe, 1682 Broadway, reported five decorative wooden birds, valued at \$17, and three chairs were stolen.

Niles Savings Firm Plans New Three Story Building

NILES — Plans for a three-story building in downtown Niles to house main offices of First Federal Savings and Loan association were announced yesterday by Robert E. Bean, association president.

Bean said the concrete building will be located on Second street, between Sycamore and Cass streets. The site will provide parking for 70 cars for customers and employees.

The association has offices in St. Joseph, Berrien Springs and Edwardsburg, as well as Niles.

Bean said he expects to break ground for the new building next month. Target date for completion is Oct. 1, 1974.

He said cost of the building had not been determined.

As outlined by Bean, the new offices will provide additional office space; customer parking; and drive-in facilities.

He said the building is designed to provide for growth over the next 15 years, and will support a fourth floor if the need arises.

Innovations incorporated into the structure include electrically heated outside walkways and a futuristic interior heating plan utilizing heat collected from the regular lighting.

The new offices were designed

by Bank Building and Equipment company of St. Louis, Mo., consultants, and W.F. Cann company of St. Louis, architects.

Edward F. Duffield of Niles is by ank Building and Equipment company of St. Louis, Mo., consultants, and W. F. Cann company of St. Louis, architects.

Edward F. Duffield of Niles is supervisory architect and Holland Construction company of St. Joseph is general contractor.

Bean said assets of the firm recently passed the \$74 million mark, and a growth of \$11.5 million last year was the largest of any financial institution in the county.

In a companion announcement, James E. Thompson, president of First Community Service corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of

First Federal, said that options have been taken on five properties adjacent to the new site.

Buildings on these sites will be razed next year, he said, to clear the way for use as commercial or apartment building sites or for parking.

Thompson said the corporation also purchased other property within the same block.



ROBERT E. BEAN
Tells building plans

Allegan Records 14th Road Death

ALLEGAN — Max Huntton, 70, a resident of the eastern Allegan county village of Shelbyville, was killed last night when his car was struck by another vehicle in front of his

Shafer was reported in satisfactory condition this morning at Phipp hospital, Plainwell.

Police said Huntton was backing into the driveway of his 124th avenue home, just east of Shelbyville, when his car was struck by the eastbound car driven by Shafer at about 10:45 p.m., police said.

Huntton was declared dead at the scene by Dr. Janis Pone of Martin, deputy Allegan county medical examiner.

The accident was still under investigation today.

The death was the 14th traffic fatality reported in this year in Allegan county.

home, state police at the Wayland post reported.

Huntton's car was struck by one driven by David Shafer, 27, of Portage, according to police.

Water And Sewer Service Requested

FENNIVILLE — A request for water and sewer service to a proposed mobile home sales facility and mobile home park partially within Fennville city limits was presented to Fennville city commission last night.

The proposed development would be on property presently owned by Charles Luplow, and would be developed by Stuart and Lloyd Bouman, according to Janet Morse, city clerk.

The sales facility would be located on the portion of the property within the city limits while the mobile home park would be on the portion in Manlius township, Thomas Boven, attorney for the

developers, told the commission.

No action was taken by the commission on the request.

In other matters, the commission discussed its plans for 58th street with Donald Ratekin, Allegan county road engineer. The street is to be rebuilt as a major street. Plans include curbs, gutters and storm sewers.

Ralph Lirones, of Lirones Water Services company, Grand Rapids, told the commission installation of water meters in the city is nearly complete. Installation of new meters is part of the \$225,000 water system renovation project, which included construction of a new water tower.

Beaches Clean

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — While a few dead alewives are floating onto Great Lakes beaches, their numbers are not enough to "create a stinky nuisance," reports the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Biologists report the small, silver alewife seems to die from some sort of spawning stress. The fish is a major food source for salmon and lake trout.

Tractor Accident Claims 8th Cass Traffic Victim

JONES — A Three Rivers man, Franklin Lee

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Bartholomew, 20, was killed yesterday afternoon when a tractor overturned on Harvey

street, southeast of here, Cass county sheriff's deputies reported.

Deputies said Bartholomew was riding on the fender of a tractor driven by Jody Norton, tractor veered to the left and rolled over.

Norton was treated and released at Three Rivers hospital.

The accident occurred about

one-quarter mile west of Morton road, near the eastern county line in Porter township, deputies said. It happened at about 1:10 p.m.

Bartholomew was declared dead at the scene by Dr. Aaron Warren, of Cassopolis, deputy county medical examiner.

The death was the eighth traffic fatality reported this year in Cass county.

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